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INVENTION: "**METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF AND PROTECTIVE LAYER
FOR LAYER OF LUMINESCENT MATERIAL**"

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The relevance of reference B2 was discussed in the Specification. References B1-B5 were cited in the International Search Report. References B6 and B7 were cited during the prosecution of the priority document. References B1, B7, and B3-B6 are in English.

Reference B1: JP 2002-1 74697 discloses a luminescent layer but fails to disclose a hardened region within the layer.

Reference B2: DE 100 48 810 discloses a luminescent layer but fails to disclose a hardened region within the layer. Instead it discloses applying a further hardened layer and therefore discloses a multi-layer structure. Further protective functions like protection against moisture are not disclosed.

Reference B3: EP 0 304 300 discloses a luminescent layer with a multi-layer structure but does not disclose a hardened region within the layer nor a hardened layer at all.

Reference B4: EP 0 510 753 discloses a luminescent layer with a further protective layer that is applied as a liquid and then cured. However curing does not imply hardening and a hardened layer is not disclosed.

Reference B5: EP 0 908 900 as the precedent mentioned prior art discloses a luminescent layer with a further protective layer that is applied as a liquid and then cured and fails to disclose any hardened layer.

Reference B6: EP 0126218 discloses a luminescent layer that is cured in order to make it hydrophilic. The hydrophilic character improves adsorption of a liquid sample that is to be examined. However no hardened layer is disclosed.

Reference B7: JP 10239498 discloses a luminescent layer with a further protective layer. Neither a hardened layer nor a hardened region of a layer is disclosed.

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	B1	JP 2002-174697	06/21/2002	Fuji Photo Film Co Ltd	Abstract Only	
	B7	JP 10239498 A	09/11/1998	Toshiba Corp.	Abstract Only	
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